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In re Application of	:	NOTIFICATION
CORDEMANS DE MEULENAER et al.	:	
Application No.: 10/533,679	:	
PCT No.: PCT/US03/35029	:	
Int. Filing Date: 04 November 2003	:	
Priority Date: 04 November 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No.: ASHL001A	:	
For: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR	:	
TREATING A LIQUID MEDIM USING	:	
ULTRASOUND IN PREVENTING THE	:	
GROWTH OF HYPERPROLIFERATIVE OR	:	
INFECTED CELLS	:	

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of matter arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On 04 November 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/US03/35029, which designated the United States and claimed a priority date of 04 November 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 21 May 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 04 May 2005.

On 03 May 2005, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry in to the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee.

On 28 November 2005, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating, *inter alia*, that an oath or declaration of the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h) were required.

On 31 May 2006, applicants filed a submission including a declaration of inventors and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h).

DISCUSSION

37 CFR 1.41(a)(4) states:

The inventorship of an international application entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 is that inventorship set forth in the international application, which includes any change effected under PCT Rule 92bis. See § 1.497(d) and (f) for filing an oath or declaration naming an inventive entity different from the inventive entity named in the international application, or if a change to the inventive entity has been effected under PCT Rule 92bis subsequent to the execution of any declaration filed under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) (§ 1.48(f)(1) does not apply to an international application entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371).

The declaration filed 31 May 2006 does not list the inventorship set forth in the international application. The declaration only lists three of the seven inventors listed in the international application. A Form PCT/IB/306 (NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING OF A CHANGE) from the International Bureau indicating that inventor Laurence Lagneaux has been removed appears in the application file. However, a Form PCT/IB/306 does not appear in the file for any of the remaining three inventors. Nor is there any other indication that a PCT Rule 92^{bis} change has been made in the above-identified international application. Accordingly, the inventorship in the national stage is the inventorship set forth in the international application except for Laurence Lagneaux and the declaration filed 31 May 2006 is not sufficient.

Additionally, the declaration filed 31 May 2006 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) since it executes the wrong application; it executes application number 11/533,679 rather than application number 10/533,679.

CONCLUSION


Applicants are required to file a declaration of inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this decision or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the NOTIFICATION mailed 28 November 2005, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the NOTIFICATION mailed 28 November 2005 may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The declaration must name the inventive entity named in the international application, or a proper change of inventorship under 37 CFR 1.497(d) must be filed, or Forms PCT/IB/306 indicating changes effected under PCT Rule 92^{bis} corresponding to the declaration filed 31 May 2006 must be filed. The declaration must also execute the correct application.

Failure to timely file a proper reply will result in abandonment of the application.

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria,

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